

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 12566 111812Z

50

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01

SPC-03 SS-15 USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-15 OMB-01 EB-11 NIC-01

SAJ-01 DRC-01 COA-02 INT-08 AGR-20 COME-00 TRSE-00

SCI-06 NSF-04 NEA-10 /207 W
----- 077047

P R 111722Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2900

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

CINCPAC

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 12566

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, JA

SUBJ: TANAKA VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 12386, TOKYO 13014

1. SUMMARY. JAPANESE EVALUATION HERE OF TANAKA VISIT
TO SOVIET UNION OCTOBER 7-10 IS AS EXPECTED - POSITIVE
STEP BUT NO BREAKTHROUGH ON MAJOR PROBLEM OF PEACE
TREATY AND NORTHERN TERRITORIES. SOVIETS DID NOT
SUCCEED IN CONCLUDING AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREE-
MENT OR IN GAINING ANY JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR THEIR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 12566 111812Z

ASIAN SECURITY SCHEME. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE MINISTER HASEGAWA GAVE CHARGE FILL-IN ON TANAKA VISIT OCTOBER 11.

3. HASEGAWA CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS A VERY IMPORTANT NEW STAR BUT TOOK FULL ACCOUNT OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE SOME YEARS TO RESOLVE.

4. JAPANESE CLEARLY PLEASED THAT BREZHNEV, EVEN DURING ME CRISIS, HAD DEVOTED SO MUCH TIME TO TANAKA, MEETING WITH HIM PRIVATELY THREE TIMES FOR TOTAL OF OVER SEVEN HOURS. HASEGAWA ALSO NOTED THAT TANAKA HOUSED IN KREMLIN APARTMENTS USUALLY RESERVED FOR CHIEFS OF STATE. BREZHNEV STRUCK JAPANESE AS EXCELLENT POLITICIAN WITHOUT, HOWEVER, VERY MUCH KNOWLEDGE OF JAPAN. JAPANESE ATTRIBUTED DEFMIN GRECHKO'S PRESENCE AT FIRST LUNCHEON TO SOVIET MILITARY CONCERNS IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND FACT THAT BREZHNEV NEEDS HELP FROM MILITARY IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

5. PEACE TREATY. TANAKA HIT TERRITORIAL PROBLEM AS BASIS FOR PEACE TREATY HARD AND OFTEN IN PRIVATE TALKS, BUT ACHIEVED NO SOVIET MOVEMENT. IN FACT, HIS EFFORTS AT ONE POINT DREW A 1-1/2 HOUR FILIBUSTER FROM BREZHNEV ON SUBJECT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN SIBERIA. JAPANESE NEVERTHELESS FEEL THEY HAVE GAINED SOMETHING BY GETTING SOVIETS TO AGREE TO JOINT STATEMENT LANGUAGE NOTING DESIRABILITY OF SETTling "OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS" LEFT OVER FROM WAR. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT TANAKA'S OCTOBER 8 SPEECH REFERENCE TO "CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY ON BASIS OF SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIAL QUESTION" IS FIRST TIME THIS FORMULATION HAS APPEARED IN SOVIET PRESS. JAPANESE VIEW HERE IS THAT BREZHNEV WANTS PEACE TREATY BUT TIME TABLE IS GRADUAL ONE.

6. ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HASEGAWA SAID THAT 10 DAYS BEFORE VISIT JAPANESE HAD TOLD SOVIETS THEY WOULD AGREE TO PUT SOME LANGUAGE IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, BUT DID NOT WANT AN AGREEMENT. SOVIETS AGREED TO THIS, AND JOINT STATEMENT NOTES THAT IT WILL BE JAPANESE PRIVATE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 12566 111812Z

ENTERPRISES, NOT GOVERNMENT, THAT WILL BE SIGNING CONTRACTS. IN PRIVATE TALKS TANAKA SPOKE ONLY GENERALLY ABOUT JAPANESE RESOURCE PROBLEMS AND RAW MATERIAL NEEDS. WHEN BREZHNEV ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY JAPANESE PLAN OR PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, TANAKA SAID NO. ON THIS SUBJECT CHARGE NOTED THAT JOINT STATEMENT'S REFERENCE TO THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, TOGETHER WITH SIMILAR

REMARKS DURING RECENT SHULTZ TALKS IN MOSCOW, AUGUR
WELL FOR TRILATERAL COOPERATION.

7. FISHING PROBLEMS. TANAKA RAISED ISSUE OF SAFETY
FOR JAPANESE FISHERMEN IN TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, BUT
GAINED NO AGREEMENT IN WRITING. THERE WAS, HOWEVER,
AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-
TURE WOULD VISIT THE U.S.S.R. AT THE END OF OCTOBER
TO DISCUSS SAFETY ZONE FOR FISHING IN NORTHERN
TERRITORIES. HASEGAWA SAID THAT SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT
WOULD ESTABLISH ZONE AROUND ONLY ONE ISLAND BUT THAT
JAPAN WANTS ZONE AROUND ALL FOUR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
ANYTHING AGREED WOULD BE TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL
PEACE TREATY SIGNED.

E E E E E E E

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973MOSCOW12566
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS DUBS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731038/aaaabcbu.tel
Line Count: 125
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: MOSCOW 12386, TOKYO 13014
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 28 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <21-Nov-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TANAKA VISIT TO MOSCOW
TAGS: PFOR, UR, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005